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ENGLISH II

Item Sampler

Tennessee End of Course Assessment

English II Form 2

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Introduction to English II

Content of tests

The testing program titled the *Tennessee End of Course Assessment* was established to meet the Tennessee mandate for end of course assessments in Tennessee secondary schools. These tests measure the Tennessee State Performance Indicators. Subject areas covered by the end of course assessments include Mathematics, Language Arts, History, and Science.

Test development

For the *Tennessee End of Course Assessment*, a staff of writers – composed of both teachers and professional test developers experienced in each of the content areas – researched and wrote the items. Professional editors and content specialists carefully reviewed all items and test directions for content and accuracy. To provide a large pool of items for final test selection, the test developers created approximately twice as many items as were needed in the final editions of the tests.

After tryout tests were administered, student responses were analyzed. Professional content editors and researchers carefully reviewed items, their data, and test directions for content, suitability, and accuracy before including particular items and test directions in operational tests.

Test administration

Tennessee End of Course Assessments are given to students as they near the end of courses that are included in the program. Tests may be given midyear for block schedules or at the end of the school year.

This test contains 65 multiple-choice questions.

You will have ample time to read and answer each of the questions. The English II test has been designed to be administered in one session and is not timed.

Tips for Taking the Test

Preparing for the test

- Review this Tennessee End of Course Item Sampler for English II carefully and thoroughly.
- Acquire the ELSA Tennessee End of Course Practice Test for English II, and take the test several times.
- Become familiar with the correct way to mark answers on the answer sheet. There is a sample answer sheet in this Practice Test.

Before the test

- Get a good night's sleep. To do your best, you need to be rested.

During the test

- Relax. It is normal to be somewhat nervous before the test. Try to relax and not worry.
- Listen. Listen to and read the test directions carefully. Ask for an explanation of the directions if you do not understand them.
- Plan your time. Do not spend too much time on any one question. If a question seems to take too long, skip it and return to it later. First answer all questions that you are sure about.
- Think. If you are not sure how to answer a question, read it again and try your best to answer the question. Rule out answer choices that you know are incorrect and choose from those that remain.

Directions for Using the Item Sampler

This Item Sampler for English II provides specific information to students and teachers. It contains examples of different item types for each Performance Indicator that may be tested in any given end of course test administration. Performance Indicators have been grouped by Reporting Categories. These Reporting Categories will be used to report information regarding performance on the end of course test to students, teachers, schools, and systems.

The items in this Item Sampler will not be found in the end of course tests. The number of items in this Item Sampler does not reflect the emphasis of content on the test. In order to identify the emphasis of content, the End of Course Assessment Practice Test English II should be used. The Practice Test gives a better representation of content emphasis across Reporting Categories and Performance Indicators.

An Answer Key is located in Page 65. Use it to check your answers. Review items that you get wrong.

Read the memoir and answer questions 18 through 24.

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- 4 Next, Miss Freemont assigned each student to a pottery wheel. We all sat before our respective wheels and flipped our respective switches. Like magic, our wheels began to turn. Next, Miss Freemont instructed us to concentrate on the dead center of the spinning wheel and to “throw” our clay onto it hard enough that the clay would adhere and not go flying off. I watched the others centering their clay, and it looked pretty easy. Then I tried it. I held my ball of clay over the spinning pottery wheel, counted to three, and then flung it at the spinning disc. The next thing I knew, my hunk of clay was airborne, flying like a little gray cannonball and landing on the table next to me. Miss Freemont was not amused. I turned several shades of red as I retrieved my clay and tried again.
- 5 “You have to calm yourself,” Miss Freemont said, looking patiently over my shoulder. “The first move is the most crucial. If the clay isn’t perfectly centered, anything you create will be asymmetrical.” She told me to put all distractions out of my mind and to try again. “Nothing exists but you, the clay, and the wheel.” I tried again, first clearing my mind and calming my thoughts, and, score! I hit the center of the wheel, and the ball of clay spun symmetrically, a slimy gray blur.
- 6 In the ensuing weeks, I learned a great deal about working with clay and made some awesome pieces, including a nice ceramic pitcher for my mom. The biggest lesson I learned, though, was the lesson of “centering,” of focusing on nothing but the “now” and eliminating unnecessary distractions. As a result, I ended up clearing my schedule—quitting unnecessary clubs and activities—so I could have more time with my family, friends, and myself.

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Which phrase **best** captures the meaning of *carpe diem* in Paragraph 1?

- ☐ A wait until tomorrow
- ☐ B capture the moment
- ☐ C enjoy simple pleasures
- ☐ D consider the consequences

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The title foreshadows how the passage will end. The narrator also provides a clue to the ending when he

- ☐ A tells the reader about his many activities.
- ☐ B promises his mother he will keep up his grades.
- ☐ C learns the clay can explode from bubbles.
- ☐ D succeeds at centering his clay on the wheel.

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Which sentence from the passage **best** reveals the narrator's attitude toward mastering a new skill?

- ☐ A I promised her I would keep up my grades, do all my chores as always, and walk Dog even more.
- ☐ B Until that moment, I had thought of pottery-making as a peaceful, harmless activity.
- ☐ C I had not expected the concept of exploding anything to figure in it at all.
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The narrator's character in this passage is revealed mainly through his

- ☐ A actions toward others.
- ☐ B description of himself.
- ☐ C mother's comments to him.
- ☐ D teacher's opinion of him.

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Which statement about the narrator illustrates situational irony?

- ☐ A He begged his mother to let him take a pottery class, and in return he promised to be diligent in doing his chores and keeping his grades up.
- ☐ B He expected that adding pottery class to his busy schedule would be exciting, but he learned from the experience to reduce his commitments.
- ☐ C He calmed himself as Miss Freemont suggested, and he "centered" his ball of clay on the potter's wheel.
- ☐ D He started by saying that Miss Freemont was a great potter, but he ended up making some nice pieces of pottery.

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How would the passage be different if the narrator had written a news article about pottery class instead of a narrative?

- ☐ **A** A news article would describe the characters in detail.
- ☐ **B** A news article would present the facts of the experience.
- ☐ **C** A news article would elaborate on the lesson the narrator learned.
- ☐ **D** A news article would focus on the reactions of class members to the narrator.

Look at this photo.



What type of conflict does this photo represent?

- ☐ **A** person vs. self
- ☐ **B** person vs. person
- ☐ **C** person vs. society
- ☐ **D** person vs. environment

Read the locker room sign.

Be sure to use a combination lock, items left in unsecured lockers are not the responsibility of the management.

Which revision of the underlined words correctly avoids a comma splice?

- ☐ **A** lock items
- ☐ **B** lock: items
- ☐ **C** lock; items
- ☐ **D** lock. And

Read this sentence.

The standing ovation from the audience after the first act proved that _____ enjoying the show.

Which words best complete the sentence?

- ☐ **A** it was
- ☐ **B** it were
- ☐ **C** they was
- ☐ **D** they were

Read these sentences.

"*C'est la vie*," the woman sighed. "I guess I must accept the fact that I will never be married."

What does the foreign phrase in the first sentence mean?

- ☐ **A** such is life
- ☐ **B** it is encouraging
- ☐ **C** what a comfort
- ☐ **D** at the end

Proofread this paragraph.

(1) As a freshman at the largest university in the state, Eugene was flattered to be asked to join the campus radio station. **(2)** He began covering sports and soon became the more popular of all the radio personalities. **(3)** He was often allowed to travel on the buses with the teams, where he had the best interviews with the coaches. **(4)** Fans claimed he had a smoother voice than most professionals.

Which sentence contains an error in adverb usage?

- ☐ **A** Sentence 1
- ☐ **B** Sentence 2
- ☐ **C** Sentence 3
- ☐ **D** Sentence 4

You are assigned a group project that requires a detailed research paper. Two members of your group are working diligently, while the third seems confused and overwhelmed.

Which strategy will best help the struggling member and encourage his involvement with the project?

- ☐ **A** Create a timeline that divides the project into smaller parts, and include group study time to help the struggling member.
- ☐ **B** Tell the teacher that one member of the group is not capable of doing his share, and request a new partner.
- ☐ **C** Recognize that the struggling member cannot do his share, and divide the work between the two stronger members.
- ☐ **D** Confront the member who is not doing his share, and let him know that the lack of participation will hurt the group's grade.

Read this excerpt from a story.

The night fog closed in on the riverbank, chilling the campers to the bone. Ricky gazed up at the dark sky, noticing the moon was mostly hidden by clouds. He pulled his sleeping bag around his shoulders and shivered. "Hector, are you there?" he called. No answer.

How does the setting affect the tone of this excerpt?

- ☐ **A** The fog creates an eerie tone.
- ☐ **B** The river creates a carefree tone.
- ☐ **C** The moon creates a wistful tone.
- ☐ **D** The sleeping bag creates a calm tone.

Read the letter and answer questions 9 through 16.

June 30, 2011

Dear Members of the School Board,

- 1 I am a tenth-grade student at Tennes Creek High School. Last evening, my history class attended the School Board meeting to listen to the budget debate. It was very educational to see how many issues the School Board must decide just to keep the school doors open. Thank you for all your efforts.
- 2 We were all surprised to hear that the School Board is considering elimination of physical education classes that are now available at Tennes Creek High School and other schools in the district. This will impact all students in a negative way. I know that the Board has made this decision in order to help with current budget difficulties, but I feel that this decision is shortsighted. Physical education is vital to the health of all students, especially as we keep hearing in the news that our generation is not as physically fit as our parents and grandparents were at the same age. Health issues like diabetes, heart problems, and obesity are occurring in younger people than in any other generation. Having a healthy body makes learning easier, and it is the responsibility of the school to present the best learning environment possible. Without physical education, all students are at risk.
- 3 There are certainly problems with physical education as it is now, but instead of eliminating it, why not change it? First, most of the school day is spent sitting, and this does not help with physical fitness. Everyone needs to get up and get moving, including the faculty. Most experts recommend at

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least 30 minutes of physical activity every day. My proposal addresses this issue by making physical education an every-day class period. Since our classes are 50 minutes long, this would allow for 30 minutes of exercise and 20 minutes to change in and out of exercise clothing and get cleaned up.

- 4 By high school, most students have learned the rules of the basic sports. Going over them again in high school and then practicing the skills one by one means that, most of the time, students are standing around waiting to take a turn. This can be boring to the students who do not like the sport and frustrating to those students who already know how to play. However, if students could go to the gym or the field to play a pick-up game during their physical education class, more students would be involved and moving. There are faculty members who would also enjoy taking part in these games, and the faculty could be supervising the students at the same time. This would save the salary of a physical education teacher. Right now at Tenny Creek, some of the faculty meets at lunchtime to shoot basketball in the gym. I am sure they would welcome having students join them. This would give students and faculty a chance to interact on a different level and could help in the classroom. The classes could be seasonal: for instance, offer flag football during football season. In the winter offer basketball. The tennis courts sit empty most of the school day. This plan would be a way to use them as well. Other options could be dance classes and yoga. Yoga may seem slow, but it is a very good exercise program as well as a good way to calm down and focus.
- 5 A speaker at the board meeting gave one argument in favor of eliminating physical education classes. He said that many high school students do not want to take physical education anyway because they are not good at sports.

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- 6 The elimination of physical education classes means that the school board does not care about students’ health. Without physical education classes, most students will not exercise. This will lead to a greater occurrence of serious health issues that could impact their educations. Thirty minutes a day is not that much to ask, but it will make a big difference to the students of Tennes Creek High School. Please consider my ideas about revising the current program and saving physical education at Tennes Creek High School.

Respectfully,
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Which sentence, if added to the letter, would **best** support William's argument that eliminating physical education classes will negatively impact all students in the district?

- ☐ **A** In elementary physical education classes, students learn athletic skills and exercise habits that they will use all their lives.
- ☐ **B** Recess may offer some time for elementary school students to exercise, but high school does not have recess.
- ☐ **C** Physical education teachers are important, not just as teachers but as role models for healthy living.
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Which statement from the letter makes the strongest argument for continuing physical education classes?

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- ☐ **B** First, most of the school day is spent sitting, and this does not help with physical fitness.
- ☐ **C** However, if students could go to the gym or the field to play a pick-up game during their physical education class, more students would be involved and moving.
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Which sentence from the passage gives implied evidence that the writer is an athlete?

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- ☐ **B** By high school, most students have learned the rules of the basic sports.
- ☐ **C** Yoga may seem slow, but it is a very good exercise program as well as a good way to calm down and focus.
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Which logical fallacy is used in Paragraph 6?

- ☐ A *non sequitur*
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There are faculty members who would also enjoy taking part in these games, and the faculty could be supervising the students at the same time. This would save the salary of a physical education teacher. Right now at Tenna Creek, some of the faculty meets at lunchtime to shoot basketball in the gym. I am sure they would welcome having students join them.

The excerpt is based on the false premise that teachers

- ☐ A enjoy playing basketball.
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Which statement **best** refutes the writer's argument that eliminating physical education classes will impact the learning environment?

- ☐ A It is clear that physical education classes have a limited effect on overall student health since students choose their own meals.
- ☐ B Most classroom teachers have limited experience in running athletic contests and would be ineffective as exercise coaches.
- ☐ C Teachers and students have ample opportunity to develop good relationships during regular class time.
- ☐ D Students have many opportunities to exercise during the hours that they are not in school.



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- 5 Rice is also credited with making a star out of the baseball player, Ty Cobb, and the golfer, Bobby Jones. True, Bobby Jones was winning every tournament he entered, but Rice began to write about Jones as if he was saving lives, not playing good golf. He used hyperbole to describe Jones’ accomplishments. Rice was not just the winner of the 1924 Amateur Open he was worthy of the crown. Even when Jones lost, Grantland Rice still used majestic metaphors to describe the situation. When Jones came in second at the 1924 U.S. Open after winning it in 1923, Rice said Jones had been like a king defending his land against invaders. Rice’s writing caught the attention of the public. Even people who did not usually read the sports pages or follow golf became infatuated with Bobby Jones and followed his play in tournaments. Ty Cobb was a Minor League baseball player when Grantland Rice saw him play in Georgia. His stories about Cobb caught the attention of Major League scouts, and Ty Cobb was soon playing in the big leagues. Rice and Cobb became good friends.

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to write against your name
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How should the underlined section be revised to correct the run-on sentence?

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- ☐ B Open; he was
- ☐ C Open. But he was
- ☐ D Open and, he was

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To follow an organizational pattern that moves from general statements to specific examples, what is the **best** order for Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4?

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Based on the context of the passage, what does infatuated mean?

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Why is the 1924 Army vs. Notre Dame football game famous?

- ☐ A The football game ended with a low score.
- ☐ B Grantland Rice broadcasted the game on the radio.
- ☐ C The football game was played at the Polo Grounds.
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Which inference can be drawn about Grantland Rice from information in the passage?

- ☐ A Grantland Rice enjoyed spending his leisure time in the company of athletes.
- ☐ B Grantland Rice appreciated athletic contests as symbols of greater life truths.
- ☐ C Grantland Rice experienced a lack of success in his own college athletic career.
- ☐ D Grantland Rice admired the individual struggles of lone athletes more than those of team players.

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Which information should be included as a citation in the excerpt?

- ☐ A an explanation of the literary allusion
- ☐ B the publishing company of the newspaper
- ☐ C a parenthetical reference citing the source of the anecdote
- ☐ D the original date of the news story in a parenthetical reference

Read the passage and answer questions 1 through 6.

Poise Gymnastics Club

Safety Agreement

Welcome to Poise Gymnastics Club. As you probably know already, gymnastics can be a dangerous sport. In order to keep injuries at a minimum, we require that you and your parents read this Safety Agreement, then sign and date it. By signing this agreement, you are acknowledging that you have read our safety policies and understand them.

Stay Alert

Injuries sometimes occur while gymnasts walk between events. The most dangerous areas of the gym are the floor exercise mat and the vaulting runway. Gymnasts are running at full speed in both of these areas, and collisions can cause serious injuries. The best rule is to walk around the floor exercise and vaulting areas, never through them. The same rule applies to areas in the gym where gymnasts are apt to be dismounting from apparatus, such as around the uneven bars or the balance beams.

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Report Injuries

Many injuries do not seem serious until hours after a trauma. Always notify a coach if you have fallen or sustained a possible injury. Ice is kept in the freezer next to the service desk and should be applied to the injury immediately to reduce swelling. The club maintains insurance to cover student injuries sustained while training in club facilities under the supervision of our coaches.

Adjust and Tighten Equipment

The uneven parallel bars must be adjusted to the height of the individual gymnast. Tighten the bars immediately after making an adjustment, and always have a coach double-check to make certain the equipment is secure.

Spotting

Only coaches are permitted to spot gymnasts as they learn new skills. Coaches are trained in techniques that ensure the safety of both the gymnast and the spotter. Do not be afraid to ask for a spotter when necessary. Having a spotter is sometimes the only way to learn a movement quickly and painlessly, and spotting is one of the coaches’ main responsibilities.

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Rest and Diet

Working out on an empty stomach or having inadequate rest are the main causes of having a bad practice or of sustaining an injury. Always attempt to get eight hours of sleep before coming to practice. If this is impossible, at least try to schedule a nap before coming to the gym. Proper nutrition may be even more important than sleep. A gymnast needs a good balance of carbohydrates, such as whole-grain bread or pasta, and protein from meats, cheeses, tofu, or yogurt. Avoid products such as pastries and soda that are high in sugar. These products provide only temporary energy and leave you hungry before your workout is complete. Your stamina and strength during a workout depend on having enough food and rest. Do not skip meals even if you are dieting. See your doctor before beginning any weight reduction diet.

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I have read these policies, and I understand them.

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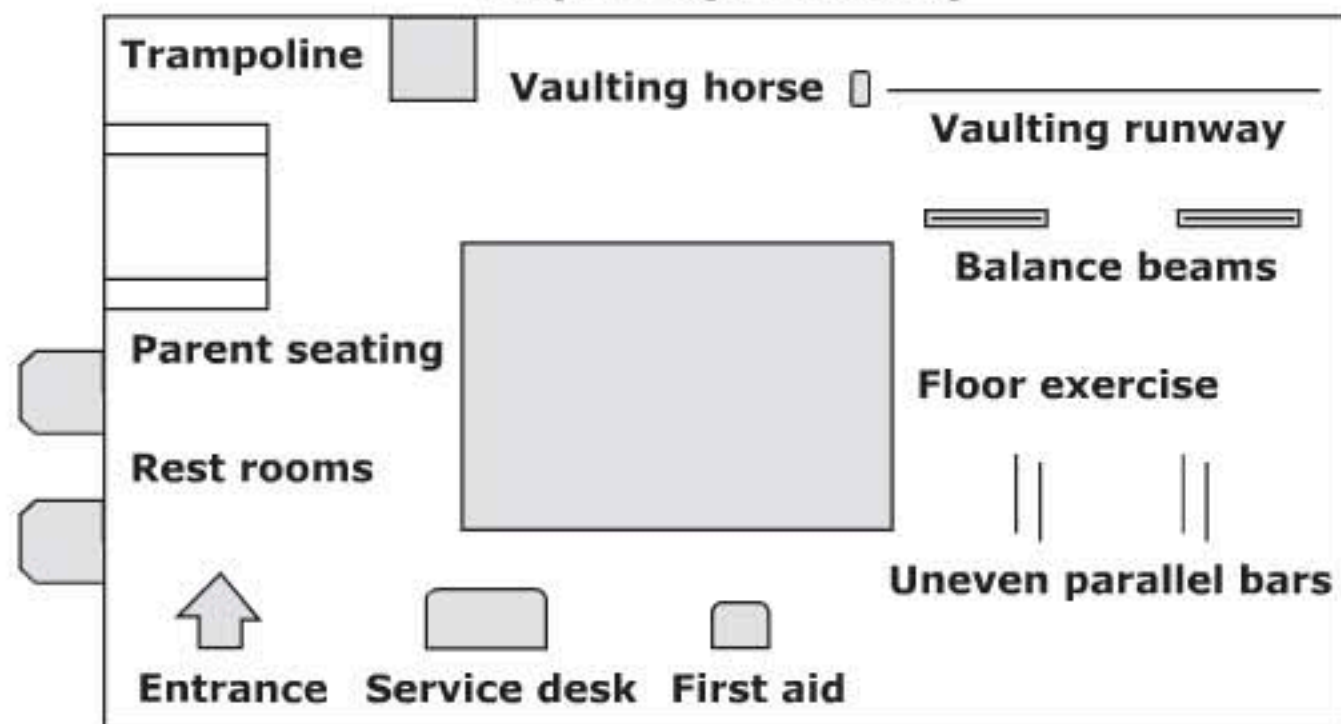
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- ☐ **B** a slide show.
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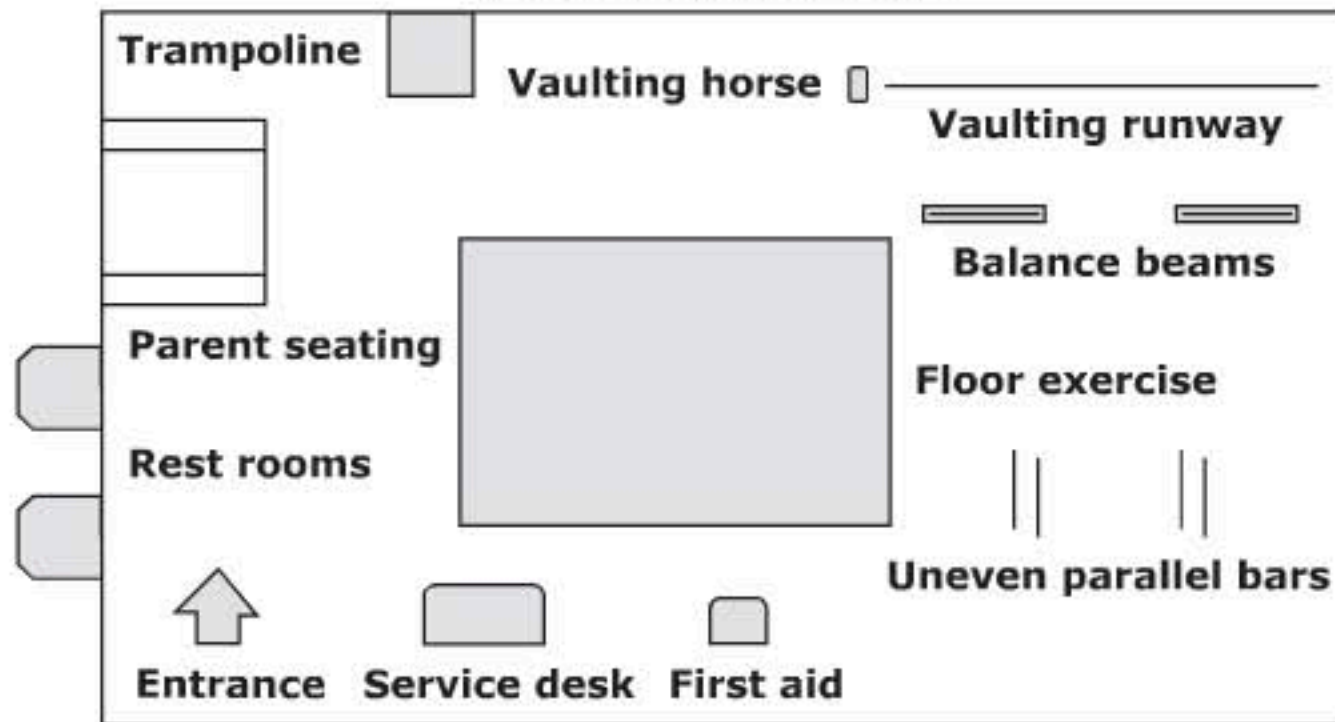
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What does the diagram at the end of the passage help clarify?

- ☐ **A** where a coach can be found
- ☐ **B** how large the gym facility is
- ☐ **C** where ice for an injury is kept
- ☐ **D** which equipment requires a spotter



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and among school staff, students, and those students' parents or guardians is very important. Toward that end, schools have always encouraged parent involvement. Virtually everyone recognizes that parent involvement is beneficial. Schools with top-notch test scores and graduation rates have students with very involved parents. This belief has lately led some districts around the country to wonder, "Why not require parents to spend volunteer time in schools and penalize those who don't?" However, if schools have the ability to punish parents for the failures of their children—either academic or behavioral—then schools and parents can easily become adversaries. Once that happens, the students may suffer in different ways.

Even if holding parents accountable seems to be a good idea, it is not at all clear what can or should be the consequences of their failure to do so. Schools and districts could follow Alaska's lead and fine parents for their children's truancy. In California if students miss school too often, their parents can be charged with misdemeanors in a court of law. Truancy also results in an escalating series of fines. Parents are even subject to imprisonment if they do not pay the fines and the chronic truancy continues. These seem to be extreme measures. While parents can make sure their children arrive at school on time each day, short of remaining at school with them they cannot ensure that their children will not duck out a back door. Furthermore, other than fines, there really are no effective ways to punish parents. Should officials put them in a stockade in the town square?

One state has proposed a grade on their involvement for parents as a way of dealing with students who come to school unprepared or are frequently late. That grade would appear on each student's report card. However, this plan, as well as others that would put the blame on parents for students' truancy, tardiness, and poor grades or work habits, is not likely to improve anything at all. Overall, I would give the idea of holding parents accountable for their children's school performance a failing grade.

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- ☐ A sequential
- ☐ B cause-effect
- ☐ C problem-solution
- ☐ D proposition-support



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The passage is **most** clearly based on the premise that

- ☐ **A** students live with their parents.
- ☐ **B** students need to be supervised by others.
- ☐ **C** schools are unable to solve problems themselves.
- ☐ **D** schools have the means to communicate with families.



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Which sentence from the passage implies rather than states that teenagers must be held accountable for their actions and decisions to avoid problems later?

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- ☐ **B** If parents keep overseeing the schoolwork of their teenagers for fear of some punishment, then the teenagers will ultimately suffer.
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Which sentence should be added just before the last sentence of the passage to strengthen the speaker's argument against grading parents?

- ☐ **A** Grading parents would also make more work for teachers.
- ☐ **B** Parents would just put the blame on someone or something else.
- ☐ **C** Only the student and parents would know what appears on the report card.
- ☐ **D** Even the most concerned parents have only limited influence on their children.



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- ☐ B hyperbole
- ☐ C rhetorical question
- ☐ D repetition for emphasis



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- ☐ **A** bandwagon
- ☐ **B** testimonial
- ☐ **C** name-calling
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Which image best supports the idea that punishing parents for their children's actions is inappropriate?

- ☐ **A** a man and a woman imprisoned in a jail cell
- ☐ **B** a woman showing a report card to a teen
- ☐ **C** a couple being lectured by a judge
- ☐ **D** a man unplugging a computer



Read this sentence.

Elliot the baby alligator at the zoo weighed 20 pounds at his veterinary checkup yesterday.

Which revision uses commas correctly?

- ☐ **A** Elliot the baby alligator, at the zoo, weighed 20 pounds at his veterinary checkup yesterday.
- ☐ **B** Elliot the baby alligator at the zoo weighed 20 pounds at his veterinary checkup, yesterday.
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Which sentence correctly punctuates a quotation?

- ☐ **A** Allie said, "I like dogs better than cats," because they are more loyal.
- ☐ **B** Principal Wiggins told me "I had better not be late to class again."
- ☐ **C** "I'm driving to Florida." My mom announced just this morning.
- ☐ **D** "We need a new wagon," the little boy told his big brother.

Read the sentence and the dictionary entry.

The guide often must wrangle the tourists onto the bus.

wran·gle (verb) 1. to dispute a particular matter 2. to argue in a loud assertive manner 3. to herd a group of animals or people 4. to acquire by trickery or unfair advantage [**Mid E** < **G** wrangeln struggle] syn. 1.differ, 2.fight, 3.steer, 4.con

Based on the dictionary entry, which synonym correctly replaces wrangle in the sentence?

- ☐ **A** differ
- ☐ **B** fight
- ☐ **C** steer
- ☐ **D** con

Read this paragraph on caving.

(1) The exploration of caves is called caving. **(2)** Caving is an exciting sport. **(3)** It should be done with a buddy. **(4)** It should also be done with up-to-date maps and the proper gear.

Which statement best combines these sentences?

- ☐ **A** The exploration of caves using up-to-date maps and the proper gear is an exciting sport but only with a pal.
- ☐ **B** Caving is an exciting sport involving the exploration of caves, but with a friend and up-to-date maps and the proper gear.
- ☐ **C** Caving, or the exploration of caves, is an exciting sport that requires a partner, up-to-date maps, and the proper gear.
- ☐ **D** The exploration of caves, called caving, is an exciting sport that should be practiced with up-to-date maps and the proper gear, and also a companion.

Read this sentence.

After the tornadoes destroyed hundreds of houses and cars, the governor surveyed the disorder and proclaimed it a disaster area.

Which word is a more precise replacement for disorder in the sentence?

- ☐ **A** clutter
- ☐ **B** confusion
- ☐ **C** devastation
- ☐ **D** disturbance

Choose the correct word to complete the analogy.

Infirmary is to antibiotic as foundry is to _____.

- ☐ **A** noise
- ☐ **B** worker
- ☐ **C** danger
- ☐ **D** furnace

Read this excerpt from a passage.

After Petra's outburst at soccer practice, the team treated her differently. I'm not saying that everyone rushed to become her best friend, but the kids showed her new respect. The things she had said made sense. I guess no one had thought about things in that way before. I'm wondering if she wants to work on our science projects together.

Which part of the plot does this excerpt represent?

- ☐ **A** exposition
- ☐ **B** rising action
- ☐ **C** climax
- ☐ **D** resolution/denouement

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Sweeping, swishing, without care
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The lines of the poem illustrate

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Which word **best** describes the mood in this photo?

- ☐ **A** sad
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- ☐ **D** mysterious

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- ☐ **B** false dilemma
- ☐ **C** appeal to fear
- ☐ **D** *non sequitur*



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- ☐ **C** The Fourth of July is yet another time when Americans show their love of country and appreciation for those in uniform.
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What is the correct way to combine the sentences to avoid a comma splice?

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- ☐ **C** Storms are predicted in the weather forecast, so the picnic will be postponed.
- ☐ **D** Storms are predicted in the weather forecast, therefore, the picnic will be postponed.

Which sentence uses commas correctly?

- ☐ **A** Madeline, my best friend, invited me to dinner.
- ☐ **B** A gifted singer Natalie, is one of the performers.
- ☐ **C** Arriving from Denver, Thomas, will visit Knoxville.
- ☐ **D** Deanna, my mom's sister is my favorite aunt.

Read this sentence.

The class thinks _____ won the school competition.

Which phrase best completes the sentence?

- ☐ **A** it has
- ☐ **B** it have
- ☐ **C** they has
- ☐ **D** they have

Read this sentence from the end of a paragraph about a community project.

Since January, the West Valley High School students have logged over 200 hours of work, making a significant contribution to rebuilding the West Valley Rail Trail system.

Which additional sentence provides the best transition to the next paragraph?

- ☐ **A** In addition, it should be said that students who read the articles in the school newspaper now understand the importance of the Rail Trail system to the town.
- ☐ **B** This impressive effort by the students is due in large part to several articles about the poor condition of the Rail Trails that appeared in the school newspaper.
- ☐ **C** Information from the school newspaper about how important the Rail Trail system is made the students very enthusiastic about working so many hours to rebuild it.
- ☐ **D** Another important thing to remember is that most students volunteered to help on the Rail Trail system because of several news articles about it in the school newspaper.

Read this excerpt from a speech against unrestricted development along a city riverbank.

The argument against overdevelopment is not just to preserve this emerald jewel in the city's crown. Currently the corridor of open land along the river does serve as valuable public green space. It also provides a habitat for the wildlife we have displaced elsewhere due to our asphalt and cement roadways and parking lots. Residents of other cities with overdeveloped riverbanks have found themselves hosting waterfowl, snakes, and rodents in their backyards.

Which device does the excerpt use?

- ☐ **A** simile
- ☐ **B** analogy
- ☐ **C** metaphor
- ☐ **D** hyperbole

Leah begins a class speech and notices several students frowning and leaning toward her. How can she best engage her audience in the speech?

- ☐ **A** stop speaking and ask what is wrong
- ☐ **B** make better eye contact with the students
- ☐ **C** continue her presentation using a louder voice
- ☐ **D** hold up her visual aid to gain her classmates' interest

Which sentence contains a historical allusion?

- ☐ **A** Watching the old cars in the parade made me wonder what it was like to live in the horse-and-buggy era before cars.
- ☐ **B** When the store on Main Street caught fire, Rosie acted like Paul Revere and warned all the neighbors of the danger.
- ☐ **C** At 11:45 a.m. on June 3, 1955, following the last meeting, both leaders signed the international agreement.
- ☐ **D** In his speech, the Mayor referred often to the sacrifices made by the town founders.

Look at this table of contents from a literary magazine.

The Heirloom	2
My Father, My Dog, and the President.....	8
The Year My Family Played Hooky.....	14
Missing Mama.....	17
Tales from Nana's Porch Swing.....	21
How I Helped Cousin Bette Win a Blue Ribbon.....	24

Which theme do these selections most likely share?

- ☐ **A** Every generation is critical of the one that follows.
- ☐ **B** The past is the past and cannot be changed.
- ☐ **C** Childhood memories last a lifetime.
- ☐ **D** Parents are our first teachers.

Read this blog entry.

Living in the woods leads to some interesting interactions with the other forest residents. We have discovered that the limping squirrel is to be a mom by observing her nest-building activities. She has slowly but surely dismantled the old canvas deck chair that spent the winter outside under the maple tree. At least the nest will be stylish; the canvas has red and white stripes.

In which mode is this passage written?

- ☐ **A** narrative
- ☐ **B** expository
- ☐ **C** persuasive
- ☐ **D** informative

Read this advertisement for a film.

Don't miss the best performance of the year! Meet Matilda Mayfield, geeky high school student by day, superhero at night! And Matilda is only one of the superheroes who will capture your heart. Come see the entire cast endure the bullies at school while they bully the villains at night. This performance will surely entertain you!

The best illustration for this advertisement is a picture of

- ☐ **A** a girl studying with her friends.
- ☐ **B** a villain plotting with his followers.
- ☐ **C** a school with students gathered in front.
- ☐ **D** a girl revealing a hidden superhero icon.

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carnivorous plants. However, most insects are very quick, and the immobility of plants would seem to put them at a disadvantage as hunters.

The Bait

- 4 Some predator plants use what biologists call attractants to overcome the problem of having no legs or other forms of mobility. Since predator plants cannot chase and capture their prey, they must instead lure the prey to their own locales. The pitcher plant, a predator plant with species all over the world, appears to use a combination of color and scent to attract its prey.

The "Passive Trap"

- 5 Using a lure to attract insects would be a pointless activity without a way to capture and digest them. However, the pitcher plant has a built-in trap similar to the baited traps humans have devised to deal with insect infestations.
- 6 The leaves of pitcher plants in some species look exactly like colorful pitchers, and the pitchers hold water, along with a special concoction of enzymes and acids that transforms insects into plant food. The plants secrete a sweet nectar at the lip of the pitchers. Insects stop what they are doing to have a quick sip but then realize that the insides of the pitchers are slippery. Tiny hairs near the bottoms of the pitchers all point downward to the concoction below, preventing the insects from climbing back up once they have dropped.

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The "Active Trap"

- 7 Pitcher plants use a passive trap, but the Venus flytrap uses an active trap that resembles animal behavior so closely that horror movies have exploited the image. The flytrap has two leaf blades that join in the middle and, when open, resemble butterfly or moth wings. On the outer edges of these wing-like blades are thick, perpendicular hairs. When the blades snap closed, they look much like teeth clenched together. The jaw-like action of the blades is activated when an insect brushes against thin "trigger hairs" inside the top blade. When the trigger is activated, a snapping action occurs and the insect is trapped inside the blades, much as a mouse is caught in a mousetrap. Soon after, the Venus flytrap secretes digestive fluids that dissolve the insect, releasing its ever-important nitrogen to feed the plant.

Conclusion

- 8 Although predator plants are incapable of harming humans, their seemingly aggressive behavior is fascinating and mildly frightening, like a carnival ride that is perfectly safe but provides a convincing illusion of danger. These plants have no brains, no muscles, and no intentions, yet, they often seem to have all three. Because of the poor soil they have inherited, they cannot survive by behaving as plants normally do. The animal traits they have adopted, however, help them to survive and in growing.

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Read this excerpt from a sentence in Paragraph 6.

...the pitchers hold water, along with a special concoction of enzymes and acids that transforms insects into plant food.

Based on the context of the sentence, what does concoction mean?

- ☐ A food
- ☐ B syrup
- ☐ C mixture
- ☐ D lubricant



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Which term **best** describes the organizational structure of this passage?

- ☐ A cause-effect
- ☐ B problem-solution
- ☐ C chronological order
- ☐ D order of importance



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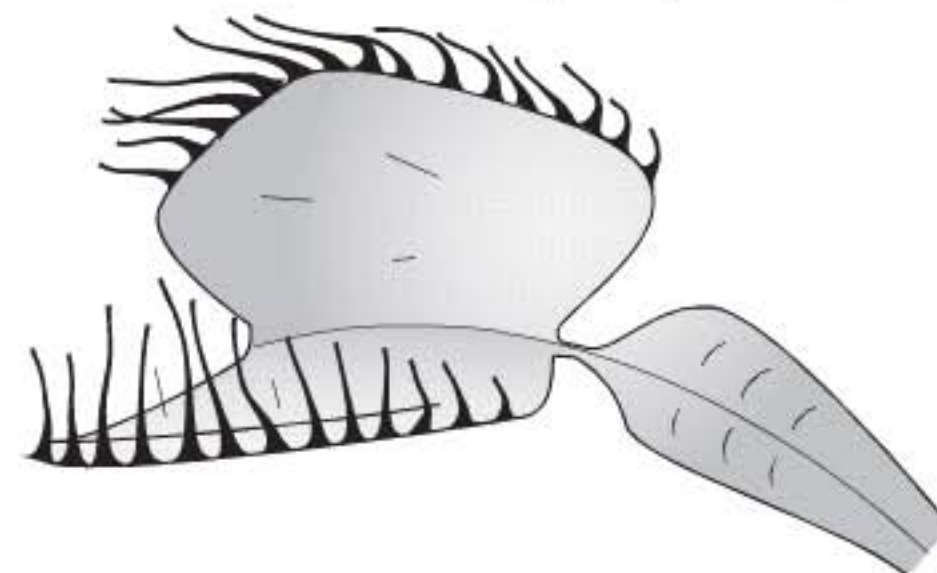
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What does the drawing help clarify?



- ☐ A how the Venus flytrap’s stem looks
- ☐ B why the Venus flytrap is attractive to its prey
- ☐ C why the Venus flytrap is called an active trap
- ☐ D how the Venus flytrap’s blades can hold its prey



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Read this quotation from the passage.

“As many as thirteen species of carnivorous plants have been found in a single bog.”

Which information should be included with the quotation?

- ☐ A a parenthetical reference citing the source of the quotation
- ☐ B the name of the person who originally stated the fact in the quotation
- ☐ C the page number where the writer found the published quotation
- ☐ D a parenthetical reference citing the publication date of the source of the quotation



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Which Web site would be the **best** source of further information about how carnivorous plants trap their prey?

- ☐ A www.lifeinabog.net
- ☐ B www.naturalpredators.com
- ☐ C www.biology.org/predator_plants
- ☐ D www.botanicalgarden.gov.what_plants_need



Which sentence uses commas correctly?

- ☐ **A** My baby brother raising, the ball over his head, ran barefoot through the grass.
- ☐ **B** Derek, while, standing in the checkout line realized that he had forgotten the milk.
- ☐ **C** The mystery novel, that I found at the library, is the one I have been wanting to read.
- ☐ **D** A helmet, which I have always worn while bicycling, is now legally required in our town.

Read this sentence from the draft of a passage about an exciting experience.

As the children gazed up at the sky in anticipation of the Fourth of July fireworks display, they suddenly heard a loud noise.

Which synonym for noise adds clarity and expressiveness to the sentence?

- ☐ **A** sound
- ☐ **B** racket
- ☐ **C** clamor
- ☐ **D** explosion

Which sentence uses coarse or course correctly?

- ☐ **A** There seemed to be no clear course of action.
- ☐ **B** We had to wait until the illness ran its coarse.
- ☐ **C** The simple dresses were made of course fabric.
- ☐ **D** Six athletes followed the race coarse around the park.

Read the sentences.

Jillian is one of those girls who just seem to love life. Nothing ever seems to get her down, and she can always see the positive side of any situation.

According to the sentences, which quality does Jillian exhibit?

- ☐ **A** *déjà vu*
- ☐ **B** *cum laude*
- ☐ **C** *ad nauseam*
- ☐ **D** *joie de vivre*

Read this brief speech.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Twin Hills Interview Committee: While both of the candidates would be excellent math teachers, through our interviews I have found that Mr. Jenkins has more experience with high school students. Conversely, most of Mr. Osborne's experience is with junior high students. I feel that Mr. Jenkins has a good relationship with his students, but Mr. Osborne can better help them excel in algebra. Although both candidates have strong qualities, I recommend that the school board offer the teaching position to Mr. Osborne.

Which term best describes the overall structure of the speech?

- ☐ **A** theme-illustration
- ☐ **B** cause-effect
- ☐ **C** compare-contrast
- ☐ **D** proposition-support

Which statement is a correct example of inductive reasoning because the conclusion follows from the stated evidence?

- ☐ **A** If Soliel works on weekends until dark, and it is not dark, then Soliel should be working.
- ☐ **B** If Bethany is a student, and Bethany earns good grades, then Bethany has good teachers.
- ☐ **C** If Tian speaks more than one language, and Finnish is a language, then Tian speaks Finnish.
- ☐ **D** If Darrell is in the marching band, and all band members wear uniforms, then Darrell wears a uniform.

Read this excerpt from a poem.

Gardening with Jacob, Age 2

Winter wishes, summer dreams
All come true; for, with you,
I see new hope in planting bulbs
And scattering small seeds.

Which line in the excerpt contains internal rhyme?

- ☐ **A** Winter wishes, summer dreams
- ☐ **B** All come true; for, with you,
- ☐ **C** I see new hope in planting bulbs
- ☐ **D** And scattering small seeds.

Read these lines from a movie script.

(Open with a view of a girl's bedroom containing a plethora of clothes strewn about and Heather holding two items to her while looking and standing in front of a mirror)

MOTHER: Glad to see you spent all that effort cleaning your room, honey.

HEATHER: Oh, Mom! I just don't know which outfit to wear to the party. How will everyone else be dressed? I simply can't be the only one wearing something unusual!

MOTHER: That would be tragic, sweetheart. *(walking toward the door)* I'm sure you'll look great.

HEATHER: Well, duh, Mom. *(rolling her eyes)* I'm just not sure how great to look.

Which type of irony, if any, does the mother use to show her true feelings about Heather's problem?

- ☐ **A** verbal irony
- ☐ **B** dramatic irony
- ☐ **C** situational irony
- ☐ **D** no irony

Which graphic would **best** support the information in an instruction manual for a microwave oven?

- ☐ **A** color chips of available door finishes
- ☐ **B** order form for optional accessories
- ☐ **C** diagram of the control panel
- ☐ **D** map of local repair centers

Look at this photograph.



Which word **best** describes the mood in the photograph?

- ☐ **A** playful
- ☐ **B** depressing
- ☐ **C** peaceful
- ☐ **D** foreboding

Form 2: English II

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
1	A	3002.1.9 Recognize a shift in either verb tense or point of view within a writing sample.
2	B	3002.1.17 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, <i>déjà vu</i> , <i>faux pas</i> , <i>du jour</i> , <i>bon voyage</i> , <i>alma mater</i> , <i>cum laude</i> , <i>femme fatale</i> , <i>esprit de corps</i> , <i>verbatim</i> , <i>E pluribus unum</i> , <i>prima donna</i> , <i>avant-garde</i> , <i>status quo</i> , <i>joie de vivre</i> , <i>carte blanche</i> , <i>caveat emptor</i> , <i>alpha and omega</i> , <i>tabula rasa</i> , <i>hoi polloi</i> , <i>ad nauseam</i> , <i>carpe diem</i> , <i>tempus fugit</i> , <i>c'est la vie</i> , <i>bona fide</i> , <i>savoir faire</i> , <i>non sequitur</i> , <i>id est</i> , <i>enfant terrible</i> , <i>terra firma</i> , <i>vox populi</i>).
3	D	3002.8.13 Identify and analyze standard literary elements (i.e., allegory, parable, paradox, parody, satire, foreshadowing, flashback).
4	D	3002.3.10 Identify a statement that reveals the writer's attitude.
5	B	3002.8.4 Identify and analyze how the author reveals character (i.e., what the author tells us, what the other characters say about him or her, what the character does, what the character says, what the character thinks).
6	B	3002.8.2 Differentiate among verbal, situational, and dramatic irony.
7	B	3002.8.16 Analyze how form relates to meaning (e.g., compare a poem and a newspaper on the same theme or topic).
8	A	3002.7.2 Select the type of conflict represented in a non-print medium.
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12	B	3002.3.1 Proofread a passage for correct punctuation, mechanics, and usage.
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14	A	3002.8.7 Determine the impact of setting on literary elements (i.e., plot, character, theme, tone).
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17	A	3002.5.14 Distinguish the strongest or weakest point of a given argument.
18	D	3002.5.7 Differentiate between the stated and implied evidence of a given argument.
19	C	3002.5.6 Identify the logical fallacy (i.e., appeal to fear, personal attack { <i>ad hominem</i> }, false dilemma, false analogy, slippery slope, <i>non sequitur</i> , false authority) within a given argument.
20	C	3002.5.10 Identify a false premise in text.
21	D	3002.5.13 Select a rebuttal statement that best refutes the writer's viewpoint.
22	A	3002.1.3 Combine a set of simple sentences into a single compound or complex sentence.
23	B	3002.1.7 Correct a run-on sentence by using a comma and coordinating conjunction, subordinate conjunction, or semicolon.
24	B	3002.3.9 Rearrange the order of supporting paragraphs within a writing sample given a specified organizational pattern (e.g., comparison-contrast, chronological).
25	D	3002.1.14 Use context clues and/or knowledge of roots, affixes, and cognates to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

26	C	3002.5.3 Evaluate text for fact and opinion.
27	D	3002.5.4 Analyze cause-effect relationships in text.
28	B	3002.5.1 Make inferences and draw conclusions based on evidence in text.
29	C	3002.4.6 Identify information that must be cited or attributed within a writing sample.
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31	D	3002.3.7 Select the thesis statement in a writing sample or passage.
32	A	3002.3.14 Select the proper format to convey a set of work-related information.
33	A	3002.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
34	C	3002.2.2 Distinguish between a summary and a paraphrase.
35	C	3002.6.2 Use the graphics of informational and technical passages to answer questions.
36	D	3002.2.1 Identify the thesis and main points of a challenging speech.
37	D	3002.2.4 Discern the structure of a challenging speech (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
38	A	3002.5.11 Identify the main claim, premise(s), evidence, or conclusion of a given argument.
39	D	3002.5.7 Differentiate between the stated and implied evidence of a given argument.
40	D	3002.5.12 Select an additional sentence to add to an argument within a persuasive text.
41	C	3002.2.5 Identify rhetorical devices used in a challenging speech (i.e., rhetorical questions, parallelism and repetition, analogies, hyperbole, metaphors, and similes).

42	A	3002.5.5 Select the persuasive device (i.e., bandwagon, loaded words, testimonial, name-calling, plain folks, snob appeal, misuse of statistics, transfer).
43	A	3002.7.3 Choose a visual image that best reinforces a viewpoint.
44	C	3002.1.5 Use commas correctly with appositives and introductory words, phrases, or clauses.
45	D	3002.1.12 Recognize the correct placement of end marks and other marks of punctuation with quotation marks used in dialogue.
46	C	3002.1.16 Use a sample reference source to determine aspects of a given word (e.g., spelling, part of speech, definition, cognates, etymology, synonyms).
47	C	3002.3.5 Demonstrate the ability to combine a set of simple sentences into a longer, more interesting sentence.
48	C	3002.3.15 Select the most precise word to provide clarity appropriate to audience and purpose.
49	D	3002.5.2 Choose a logical word to complete an analogy.
50	D	3002.8.15 Identify and analyze basic elements of plot (i.e., exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution/denouement).
51	D	3002.8.9 Demonstrate knowledge of sound and metric devices (i.e., rhyme {internal, slant}, rhythm, blank verse, free verse, repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia).
52	B	3002.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.
53	C	3002.7.1 Draw an inference from a non-print medium.
54	C	3002.1.5 Use commas correctly with appositives and introductory words, phrases, or clauses.
55	B	3002.1.9 Recognize a shift in either verb tense or point of view within a writing sample.
56	D	3002.3.12 Determine the writer's purpose in a writing sample.

57	B	3002.5.11 Identify the main claim, premise(s), evidence, or conclusion of a given argument.
58	D	3002.5.3 Evaluate text for fact and opinion.
59	C	3002.3.8 Evaluate the relevance of supporting sentences by deleting an irrelevant sentence in a passage.
60	B	3002.2.3 Distinguish between a critique and a summary.
61	D	3002.3.2 Choose the most effective order of sentences in a paragraph.
62	B	3002.3.3 Choose the transitional device that appropriately connects sentences or paragraphs within a writing sample.
63	A	3002.5.5 Select the persuasive device (i.e., bandwagon, loaded words, testimonial, name-calling, plain folks, snob appeal, misuse of statistics, transfer).
64	C	3002.5.6 Identify the logical fallacy (i.e., appeal to fear, personal attack { <i>ad hominem</i> }, false dilemma, false analogy, slippery slope, <i>non sequitur</i> , false authority) within a given argument.
65	C	3002.5.14 Distinguish the strongest or weakest point of a given argument.
66	B	3002.5.13 Select a rebuttal statement that best refutes the writer's viewpoint.
67	C	3002.1.4 Use sentence-combining techniques, effectively avoiding problematic comma splices, run-on sentences, and sentence fragments.
68	A	3002.1.5 Use commas correctly with appositives and introductory words, phrases, or clauses.
69	A	3002.1.11 Select correct pronoun-antecedent agreement using collective nouns or indefinite pronouns.
70	B	3002.3.3 Choose the transitional device that appropriately connects sentences or paragraphs within a writing sample.

71	C	3002.2.5 Identify rhetorical devices used in a challenging speech (i.e., rhetorical questions, parallelism and repetition, analogies, hyperbole, metaphors, and similes).
72	C	3002.2.6 Determine the most effective methods of engaging an audience during an oral presentation (e.g., making eye contact, adjusting speaking rate).
73	B	3002.8.14 Identify classical, historical, and literary allusions in context.
74	C	3002.8.8 Identify and analyze the common theme in a series of passages.
75	A	3002.3.16 Identify the mode in which a writing sample is written.
76	D	3002.7.3 Choose a visual image that best reinforces a viewpoint.
77	A	3002.1.3 Combine a set of simple sentences into a single compound or complex sentence.
78	C	3002.1.14 Use context clues and/or knowledge of roots, affixes, and cognates to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
79	D	3002.3.13 Identify sentences that use effective parallelism within a writing sample.
80	B	3002.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
81	D	3002.6.2 Use the graphics of informational and technical passages to answer questions.
82	A	3002.4.6 Identify information that must be cited or attributed within a writing sample.
83	C	3002.4.4 Evaluate the validity of Web pages as sources of information.
84	D	3002.1.6 Use commas to set off nonessential elements in a sentence.
85	D	3002.3.15 Select the most precise word to provide clarity appropriate to audience and purpose.

86	A	3002.1.13 Select the appropriate word in frequently confused pairs (i.e., to/too/two, their/there/they're, its/it's, your/you're, whose/who's, which/that/who, accept/except, affect/effect, between/among, capitol/capital, principal/principle, stationary/stationery, who/whom, allusion/illusion, complement/compliment, cite/site/sight, counsel/council, coarse/course, farther/further, lose/loose, fewer/less, advice/advise, precede/proceed, adapt/adopt, eminent/imminent, assure/ensure/insure).
87	D	3002.1.17 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, <i>déjà vu</i> , <i>faux pas</i> , <i>du jour</i> , <i>bon voyage</i> , <i>alma mater</i> , <i>cum laude</i> , <i>femme fatale</i> , <i>esprit de corps</i> , <i>verbatim</i> , <i>E pluribus unum</i> , <i>prima donna</i> , <i>avant-garde</i> , <i>status quo</i> , <i>joie de vivre</i> , <i>carte blanche</i> , <i>caveat emptor</i> , <i>alpha and omega</i> , <i>tabula rasa</i> , <i>hoi polloi</i> , <i>ad nauseam</i> , <i>carpe diem</i> , <i>tempus fugit</i> , <i>c'est la vie</i> , <i>bona fide</i> , <i>savoir faire</i> , <i>non sequitur</i> , <i>id est</i> , <i>enfant terrible</i> , <i>terra firma</i> , <i>vox populi</i>).
88	C	3002.2.4 Discern the structure of a challenging speech (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
89	C	3002.5.8 Determine whether a given argument employs deductive or inductive reasoning.
90	B	3002.8.9 Demonstrate knowledge of sound and metric devices (i.e., rhyme {internal, slant}, rhythm, blank verse, free verse, repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia).
91	A	3002.8.2 Differentiate among verbal, situational, and dramatic irony.
92	C	3002.6.3 Determine the appropriateness of a graphic used to support an informational or technical passage.
93	C	3002.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.

Reporting Category 1: Language

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
1	A	3002.1.9 Recognize a shift in either verb tense or point of view within a writing sample.
2	B	3002.1.17 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, <i>déjà vu</i> , <i>faux pas</i> , <i>du jour</i> , <i>bon voyage</i> , <i>alma mater</i> , <i>cum laude</i> , <i>femme fatale</i> , <i>esprit de corps</i> , <i>verbatim</i> , <i>E pluribus unum</i> , <i>prima donna</i> , <i>avant-garde</i> , <i>status quo</i> , <i>joie de vivre</i> , <i>carte blanche</i> , <i>caveat emptor</i> , <i>alpha and omega</i> , <i>tabula rasa</i> , <i>hoi polloi</i> , <i>ad nauseam</i> , <i>carpe diem</i> , <i>tempus fugit</i> , <i>c'est la vie</i> , <i>bona fide</i> , <i>savoir faire</i> , <i>non sequitur</i> , <i>id est</i> , <i>enfant terrible</i> , <i>terra firma</i> , <i>vox populi</i>).
9	C	3002.1.4 Use sentence-combining techniques, effectively avoiding problematic comma splices, run-on sentences, and sentence fragments.
10	A	3002.1.11 Select correct pronoun-antecedent agreement using collective nouns or indefinite pronouns.
11	A	3002.1.17 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, <i>déjà vu</i> , <i>faux pas</i> , <i>du jour</i> , <i>bon voyage</i> , <i>alma mater</i> , <i>cum laude</i> , <i>femme fatale</i> , <i>esprit de corps</i> , <i>verbatim</i> , <i>E pluribus unum</i> , <i>prima donna</i> , <i>avant-garde</i> , <i>status quo</i> , <i>joie de vivre</i> , <i>carte blanche</i> , <i>caveat emptor</i> , <i>alpha and omega</i> , <i>tabula rasa</i> , <i>hoi polloi</i> , <i>ad nauseam</i> , <i>carpe diem</i> , <i>tempus fugit</i> , <i>c'est la vie</i> , <i>bona fide</i> , <i>savoir faire</i> , <i>non sequitur</i> , <i>id est</i> , <i>enfant terrible</i> , <i>terra firma</i> , <i>vox populi</i>).
22	A	3002.1.3 Combine a set of simple sentences into a single compound or complex sentence.
23	B	3002.1.7 Correct a run-on sentence by using a comma and coordinating conjunction, subordinate conjunction, or semicolon.
25	D	3002.1.14 Use context clues and/or knowledge of roots, affixes, and cognates to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
30	D	3002.1.8 Recognize correct subject-verb agreement with intervening elements.
44	C	3002.1.5 Use commas correctly with appositives and introductory words, phrases, or clauses.
45	D	3002.1.12 Recognize the correct placement of end marks and other marks of punctuation with quotation marks used in dialogue.

46	C	3002.1.16 Use a sample reference source to determine aspects of a given word (e.g., spelling, part of speech, definition, cognates, etymology, synonyms).
54	C	3002.1.5 Use commas correctly with appositives and introductory words, phrases, or clauses.
55	B	3002.1.9 Recognize a shift in either verb tense or point of view within a writing sample.
67	C	3002.1.4 Use sentence-combining techniques, effectively avoiding problematic comma splices, run-on sentences, and sentence fragments.
68	A	3002.1.5 Use commas correctly with appositives and introductory words, phrases, or clauses.
69	A	3002.1.11 Select correct pronoun-antecedent agreement using collective nouns or indefinite pronouns.
77	A	3002.1.3 Combine a set of simple sentences into a single compound or complex sentence.
78	C	3002.1.14 Use context clues and/or knowledge of roots, affixes, and cognates to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
84	D	3002.1.6 Use commas to set off nonessential elements in a sentence.
86	A	3002.1.13 Select the appropriate word in frequently confused pairs (i.e., to/too/two, their/there/they're, its/it's, your/you're, whose/who's, which/that/who, accept/except, affect/effect, between/among, capitol/capital, principal/principle, stationary/stationery, who/whom, allusion/illusion, complement/compliment, cite/site/sight, counsel/council, coarse/course, farther/further, lose/loose, fewer/less, advice/advise, precede/proceed, adapt/adopt, eminent/imminent, assure/ensure/insure).
87	D	3002.1.17 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, <i>déjà vu</i> , <i>faux pas</i> , <i>du jour</i> , <i>bon voyage</i> , <i>alma mater</i> , <i>cum laude</i> , <i>femme fatale</i> , <i>esprit de corps</i> , <i>verbatim</i> , <i>E pluribus unum</i> , <i>prima donna</i> , <i>avant-garde</i> , <i>status quo</i> , <i>joie de vivre</i> , <i>carte blanche</i> , <i>caveat emptor</i> , <i>alpha and omega</i> , <i>tabula rasa</i> , <i>hoi polloi</i> , <i>ad nauseam</i> , <i>carpe diem</i> , <i>tempus fugit</i> , <i>c'est la vie</i> , <i>bona fide</i> , <i>savoir faire</i> , <i>non sequitur</i> , <i>id est</i> , <i>enfant terrible</i> , <i>terra firma</i> , <i>vox populi</i>).

Reporting Category 2: Writing and Research

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
4	D	3002.3.10 Identify a statement that reveals the writer's attitude.
12	B	3002.3.1 Proofread a passage for correct punctuation, mechanics, and usage.
15	D	3002.3.7 Select the thesis statement in a writing sample or passage.
24	B	3002.3.9 Rearrange the order of supporting paragraphs within a writing sample given a specified organizational pattern (e.g., comparison-contrast, chronological).
29	C	3002.4.6 Identify information that must be cited or attributed within a writing sample.
31	D	3002.3.7 Select the thesis statement in a writing sample or passage.
32	A	3002.3.14 Select the proper format to convey a set of work-related information.
47	C	3002.3.5 Demonstrate the ability to combine a set of simple sentences into a longer, more interesting sentence.
48	C	3002.3.15 Select the most precise word to provide clarity appropriate to audience and purpose.
56	D	3002.3.12 Determine the writer's purpose in a writing sample.
59	C	3002.3.8 Evaluate the relevance of supporting sentences by deleting an irrelevant sentence in a passage.
61	D	3002.3.2 Choose the most effective order of sentences in a paragraph.
62	B	3002.3.3 Choose the transitional device that appropriately connects sentences or paragraphs within a writing sample.
70	B	3002.3.3 Choose the transitional device that appropriately connects sentences or paragraphs within a writing sample.

75	A	3002.3.16 Identify the mode in which a writing sample is written.
79	D	3002.3.13 Identify sentences that use effective parallelism within a writing sample.
82	A	3002.4.6 Identify information that must be cited or attributed within a writing sample.
83	C	3002.4.4 Evaluate the validity of Web pages as sources of information.
85	D	3002.3.15 Select the most precise word to provide clarity appropriate to audience and purpose.

Reporting Category 3: Communication and Media

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
8	A	3002.7.2 Select the type of conflict represented in a non-print medium.
13	A	3002.2.7 Select the most appropriate strategies for participating productively in a team (e.g., gaining the floor in orderly, respectful ways and listen with civility to the ideas of others; identify the needs of the team and sharing various resources to respond to those needs; establishing clear group agreements and ensuring appropriate individual contributions are respected by the team).
34	C	3002.2.2 Distinguish between a summary and a paraphrase.
36	D	3002.2.1 Identify the thesis and main points of a challenging speech.
37	D	3002.2.4 Discern the structure of a challenging speech (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
41	C	3002.2.5 Identify rhetorical devices used in a challenging speech (i.e., rhetorical questions, parallelism and repetition, analogies, hyperbole, metaphors, and similes).
43	A	3002.7.3 Choose a visual image that best reinforces a viewpoint.
52	B	3002.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.
53	C	3002.7.1 Draw an inference from a non-print medium.
60	B	3002.2.3 Distinguish between a critique and a summary.
71	C	3002.2.5 Identify rhetorical devices used in a challenging speech (i.e., rhetorical questions, parallelism and repetition, analogies, hyperbole, metaphors, and similes).
72	C	3002.2.6 Determine the most effective methods of engaging an audience during an oral presentation (e.g., making eye contact, adjusting speaking rate).
76	D	3002.7.3 Choose a visual image that best reinforces a viewpoint.

88	C	3002.2.4 Discern the structure of a challenging speech (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
93	C	3002.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.

Reporting Category 4: Logic

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
16	A	3002.5.12 Select an additional sentence to add to an argument within a persuasive text.
17	A	3002.5.14 Distinguish the strongest or weakest point of a given argument.
18	D	3002.5.7 Differentiate between the stated and implied evidence of a given argument.
19	C	3002.5.6 Identify the logical fallacy (i.e., appeal to fear, personal attack { <i>ad hominem</i> }, false dilemma, false analogy, slippery slope, <i>non sequitur</i> , false authority) within a given argument.
20	C	3002.5.10 Identify a false premise in text.
21	D	3002.5.13 Select a rebuttal statement that best refutes the writer's viewpoint.
26	C	3002.5.3 Evaluate text for fact and opinion.
27	D	3002.5.4 Analyze cause-effect relationships in text.
28	B	3002.5.1 Make inferences and draw conclusions based on evidence in text.
38	A	3002.5.11 Identify the main claim, premise(s), evidence, or conclusion of a given argument.
39	D	3002.5.7 Differentiate between the stated and implied evidence of a given argument.
40	D	3002.5.12 Select an additional sentence to add to an argument within a persuasive text.
42	A	3002.5.5 Select the persuasive device (i.e., bandwagon, loaded words, testimonial, name-calling, plain folks, snob appeal, misuse of statistics, transfer).
49	D	3002.5.2 Choose a logical word to complete an analogy.
57	B	3002.5.11 Identify the main claim, premise(s), evidence, or conclusion of a given argument.

58	D	3002.5.3 Evaluate text for fact and opinion.
63	A	3002.5.5 Select the persuasive device (i.e., bandwagon, loaded words, testimonial, name-calling, plain folks, snob appeal, misuse of statistics, transfer).
64	C	3002.5.6 Identify the logical fallacy (i.e., appeal to fear, personal attack { <i>ad hominem</i> }, false dilemma, false analogy, slippery slope, <i>non sequitur</i> , false authority) within a given argument.
65	C	3002.5.14 Distinguish the strongest or weakest point of a given argument.
66	B	3002.5.13 Select a rebuttal statement that best refutes the writer's viewpoint.
89	C	3002.5.8 Determine whether a given argument employs deductive or inductive reasoning.

Reporting Category 5: Informational Text

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
33	A	3002.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
35	C	3002.6.2 Use the graphics of informational and technical passages to answer questions.
80	B	3002.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
81	D	3002.6.2 Use the graphics of informational and technical passages to answer questions.
92	C	3002.6.3 Determine the appropriateness of a graphic used to support an informational or technical passage.

Reporting Category 6: Literature

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
3	D	3002.8.13 Identify and analyze standard literary elements (i.e., allegory, parable, paradox, parody, satire, foreshadowing, flashback).
5	B	3002.8.4 Identify and analyze how the author reveals character (i.e., what the author tells us, what the other characters say about him or her, what the character does, what the character says, what the character thinks).
6	B	3002.8.2 Differentiate among verbal, situational, and dramatic irony.
7	B	3002.8.16 Analyze how form relates to meaning (e.g., compare a poem and a newspaper on the same theme or topic).
14	A	3002.8.7 Determine the impact of setting on literary elements (i.e., plot, character, theme, tone).
50	D	3002.8.15 Identify and analyze basic elements of plot (i.e., exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution/denouement).
51	D	3002.8.9 Demonstrate knowledge of sound and metric devices (i.e., rhyme {internal, slant}, rhythm, blank verse, free verse, repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia).
73	B	3002.8.14 Identify classical, historical, and literary allusions in context.
74	C	3002.8.8 Identify and analyze the common theme in a series of passages.
90	B	3002.8.9 Demonstrate knowledge of sound and metric devices (i.e., rhyme {internal, slant}, rhythm, blank verse, free verse, repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia).
91	A	3002.8.2 Differentiate among verbal, situational, and dramatic irony.